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**Subject:** NewDate-Early Engagement for FY 2020-2021 NPM Guidance  
**Start Time:** Fri 9/14/2018 2:30:00 PM  
**End Time:** Fri 9/14/2018 3:30:00 PM  
**Required Attendees:** dglatt@nd.gov; steve.pimer@state.sd.us; Livers, Tom; Todd Parfitt; Alan Matheson; martha.rudolph@state.co.us; Benevento, Douglas  
**Optional Attendees:** Mathieus, George; Davis, Tim; MacEwen, Peggy; Ponozzo, Kristi; jchambers@mt.gov; Dorrington, Christopher

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[Follow-Up from State Directors Meeting](#)

Please note: New date/time. (Time is 8:30 Mountain / 9:30 Central)

Colleagues,

The objectives of the early engagement are to identify how we will work together to advance the [EPA's FY 2018-2022 Strategic Plan](#) and to pinpoint financial, administrative and/or programmatic flexibilities needed to carry out our priorities. I expect this call will build on the conversations we had last month at the state directors meeting in Denver. I've attached my 7/16/2018 email on priority areas identified at our June meeting. I believe those priorities we established for Region 8 fit in well with what HQ is expecting, this call should build upon those priorities and give us the opportunity to delete, modify, or expand upon those priorities. I would note that it was suggested we add measurements to our priority list as well. That priority reads is:

1. **Measurements:** Agreement on what should be measured and what data is necessary to evaluate that measurement. Constant evaluation of data requirements from EPA to determine their usefulness. Incorporate this into the state/EPA PPA's (EPA)

I have also attached the FY18-22 Transformation Strategy, summarizing the Strategic Plan, to guide our conversation.

Please be prepared to: 1) discuss your top priorities associated with Core Mission, Cooperative Federalism, and Rule of Law/Process; 2) strategies to carry out those priorities; and 3) financial, administrative and/or programmatic flexibilities needed to carry out those priorities.

The Region will summarize the input we receive from states and tribes and provide it to headquarters to inform the NPM Guidance and grant guidance documents. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this topic.

If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Best,

Doug Benevento